

# Portola Center Development Project

## Dirt Exchange Operation and Median Construction

November 29, 2016



Dear Portola Hills Resident:

This notification is the second update on the Portola Center development project, particularly work affecting the roadways and traffic in the Portola Hills area. Although the City regulates certain aspects of the development, the project schedule is established by the developers and may change based upon unexpected conditions, regulatory restrictions, and other factors. As the development project continues, the City will send bi-monthly updates to keep the community better informed of the construction activities that may affect the public.

### Dirt Exchange Operation

Due to unexpected conditions since the last update, Baldwin and LandSea will begin a dirt exchange operation across Glenn Ranch Road in December 2016. The exchange has now been cleared to start and move approximately 250,000 cubic yards of soil to the Northeast site from the South site. Steel plates will be installed on Glenn Ranch Road, approximately 1,500 feet east of the Saddleback Ranch Road/Glenn Ranch Road intersection to protect the road and underground utilities.



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The dirt exchange operation will occur Mondays through Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. During these times, only one lane in each direction will be open to through traffic. Outside of these hours, all lanes will be opened. Motorists travelling on Glenn Ranch Road may experience frequent, temporary stops as trucks transport the soil between the Northeast and South Portola sites. Message signs will also be deployed on Glenn Ranch Road providing advanced notification of the impending operation. The first activity of the dirt exchange is minor grading in the Northeast parcel where the stockpile will be located. The dirt exchange operation is expected to take approximately three months. Once the operation is complete, the street will be repaired back to its original condition.

### Median Construction

As part of the Portola Center project, four raised medians are planned near the intersection of Glenn Ranch Road and Saddleback Ranch Road. The medians are designed to improve overall traffic safety while enhancing roadway beautification.



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**Median 1:** Installation of the median on Glenn Ranch Road, west of Saddleback Ranch Road is complete. The developer will refresh the striping on Saddleback Ranch Road between Glenn Ranch Road and Millwood Road. The bike lanes on both sides of Saddleback Ranch Road will be continued in the same area once Median 3 is constructed.

**Median 2:** Median 2 (the median on Saddleback Ranch Road closest to Glenn Ranch Road) is complete.

**Median 3:** Construction of Median 3 (the median on Saddleback Ranch Road closest to Millwood Road) will begin once the work on the Northwest site is completed in late 2017.

**Median 4:** The median on Glenn Ranch Road, east of Saddleback Ranch Road will be constructed once the dirt exchange operation is complete in 2017.

The City recognizes the inconveniences associated with development in Portola Center. To keep traffic moving, measures to minimize roadway and traffic impacts are required. These measures include: limiting work to non-peak hours, opening travel lanes during construction where possible, and adjusting traffic signal timing. We appreciate your continued patience. The City will continue to keep the community informed as the development project progresses. Click on the button below for more information on the project. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Angel Fuertes, Assistant City Engineer at (949) 461-3480, or by email at [afuertes@lakeforestca.gov](mailto:afuertes@lakeforestca.gov).

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